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1. CHINA

NEWS REPORTS STRESS THAT DESIGNATION HUA KUO-FENG AS ACTING PM CAME AS MAJOR SURPRISE TO DIPLOMATIC OBSERVERS IN PEKING, US, HK, SOVIET. UPI (NYDN) CITES HK SOURCES THAT HUA APPOINTMENT MAY BE SIGN OF SERIOUS DISAGREEMENT AMONG PRC LEADERSHIP--MAY BE EFFORT HEAD OFF MAJOR CONFRONTATION BETWEEN OPPOSING FACTIONS. WSJ DISPATCH CITES SOVIET OFFICIALS THAT THEY WERE SURPRISED AS EVERYONE ELSE BY HUA CHOICE. NYT (HK FEB 8) NOTES THAT SO LITTLE KNOWN ABOUT HUA THAT HK CCP REPS CONCEDED THEY WERE UNABLE SAY WHEN OR WHERE HE WAS BORN.

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CSM SPECIAL SAYS QUESTION ASKED BY WESTERN OBSERVERS NOW IS WHETHER TENG HSIAO-PING HAS COME TO END OF ROAD POLITICALLY. SAYS TENG APPARENTLY WILL REMAIN CCP DEPUTY CHAIRMAN, SO ANALYSTS ARE CAREFUL NOT RULE HIM OUT AS

IMPORTANT FORCE IN PRC LEADERSHIP JUST YET. NOTES FOUR POSSIBLE EXPLANATIONS BEING ADVANCED WHY TENG PASSED OVER: THAT HE IS IN POLITICAL DOGFIGHT FOR POWER WITH RADICAL

LEFTISTS; THAT HE ONCE MORE HAS BECOME VICTIM OF GPCR FOES; THAT HE SIMPLY HAS DECIDED BOW OUT OF RUNNING VOLUNTARILY; AND THAT MAO MAY HAVE FEARED STRUGGLE FOR PREMIERSHIP COULD LEAD TO VIOLENCE AND THUS WANTED TRUSTED FELLOW HUNANESE LIEUTENANT IN CHARGE UNTIL SITUATION STABILIZED.

NYT WASHINGTON DISPATCH (FEB 8) NOTES US EXPERTS ON CHINA, BOTH IN/OUT OF GOVT, EXPRESSED SURPRISE AT HUA SELECTION. WSJ REPORTS PRES FORD TELLING REPORTERS HUA'S ELEVATION NOT EXPECTED AFFECT SINO-US RELATIONS. AP (GLOBE 2/8) REPORTS US OFFICIALS VOICING SURPRISE AT HUA APPOINTMENT, BUT SAYING MAO'S POSITION APPEARS UNSHAKEN, SO NO CHANGE ANTICIPATED IN PRC ATTITUDE TOWARD US.

SUN'S ISAACS, IN HK (2/8), SAYS HUA APPOINTMENT INDICATED PRC LEADERSHIP HAS BEEN UNABLE AGREE ON CHOU EN-LAI SUCCESSOR. NYT'S CHING, IN HK (2/8), POINTS OUT HUA'S APPOINTMENT DOES NOT NECESSARILY MEAN HE WILL ULTIMATELY BE NAMED PREMIER. NOTES HK POLITICAL ANALYSTS SAY DURING LAST SIX MONTHS THEY WERE AWARE OF HUA'S GROWING INFLUENCE, BUT WERE UNABLE PLACE HIS PRECISE ROLE IN HIERARCHY. CITES ONE DIPLOMAT SAYING CHOU'S CAREFULLY-LAID PLANS FOR SUCCEEDING GOVT HAVE GONE AWRY, FOR NOBODY EVER CONSIDERED POSSIBILITY HUA TAKING OVER. NOTES SOUTH CHINA MORNING POST'S QUOTING UNIDENTIFIED SOURCE THAT HUA APPOINTMENT CAME THROUGH MAO'S "PERSONAL DIRECTIVE.,

WSTAR'S BRADSHER (2/8) OBSERVES THAT HUA HAS MET FOREIGN AGRIC EXPERTS--BUT NOT PRES FORD, HAK OR OTHER IMPORTANT VISITORS--UPCOMING NIXON TRIP WILL BE FIRST OPPORTUNITY ANY PROMINENT AMERICAN WILL HAVE BECOME ACQUAINTED WITH UNCLASSIFIED

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HIM. SAYS MAO'S THROWING QUESTION OF FUTURE LEADERSHIP INTO UNCERTAINTY WAS CONSISTENT WITH CONTINUAL EVIDENCE OVER LAST FEW YEARS THAT CHAIRMAN WAS UNHAPPY WITH CHOU/TENG BUREAUCRATIC MANAGEMENT OF COUNTRY. QUESTION NOW IS WHETHER SHIFT FROM TENG TO HUA WILL PROVE LASTING DECISION IN STRUGGLE OF CHINESE FACTIONS, OR ONLY TRANSITIONAL STAGE TOWARD GIVING RADICALS MORE POWER.

REUTER'S ROGERS, IN PEKING (2/8), SAYS SOME OBSERVERS LINKED HUA APPOINTMENT WITH EXTRAORDINARY ATTACK IN PEOPLE'S DAILY FRIDAY AGAINST "CAPITALIST ROADERS, AND RIGHTIST DEVIATIONISTS IN POSITIONS OF POWER-SEEING THIS

AS CRITICISM OF TENG (GLOBE).

PRES FORD EMPHASIZED IN NH PRESS CONFERENCE SUNDAY "NO POLITICAL RAMIFICATIONS AT ALL, INVOLVED IN SCHEDULED NIXON VISIT PRC. SUN CORRESPONDENT, NOTING FORD REPORTEDLY LESS THAN ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT TRIP, UNDERLINED "NO COMMITMENT" FOR FURTHER COMMUNICATION ABOUT PRC WITH NIXON, EITHER BY WAY OF FORMER PRES REPORTING TO HIM OR FORD RECEIVING REPORT. FORD SAID "WHOLESOME AND HEALTHY THAT PRIVATE CITIZENS UNDERTAKE SUCH TRIPS."

2. JAPAN

US, JAPAN COMPLETE THREE-DAY POLICY PLANNING TALKS MONDAY. NO DETAILS DISCLOSED. ATTENDED BY AMB HODGSON, WINSTON LORD, MFA OFFICIALS (REUTER, TOKYO).

LOCKHEED PRES KOTCHIAN TESTIFIED BEFORE CHURCH CMTE FRIDAY. ADMITTED CASH PAYOFFS IN MILLIONS IN JAPAN, ITALY, HOLLAND, FRG (CHITRIB) IN ATTEMPT "IMPROVE THE CLIMATE" FOR SALES OF FIRM'S MIL, COMMERCIAL JETS. ADMITTED 12 MILLION DOLS PAID "CONSULTANTS" IN JAPAN; 2.8 MILLION OF WHICH WENT TO UNNAMED GOVT OFFICIALS, AFTER LAUNDERING THROUGH I-D CORP, PR FIRM IN HK. TESTIMONY INDICATED PAYOFFS TO PUBLIC OFFICIALS IN JAPAN COULD BE HIGH AS FOUR MILLION DOLS (STERN, WP 2/7; WSTAR 2/7).

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ALSO TESTIFIED CONTRACT WITH KODAMA PROVIDES 60,000 DOL PAYMENT FOR EACH TRISTAR STILL BEING DELIVERED TO ANA (MADDEN, NYT 2/7).

STERN (WP 2/8) SAYS CHURCH CMTE EXPECTED MEET NEXT AFTER CONGRESS RECONVENES FEB 17, FOLLOWING RECESS. WILL FOCUS ON ALLEGED LOCKHEED PAYMENTS TO FRG OFFICIALS.

LANDAUER (WSJ) STATES TESTIMONY ABOUT LOCKHEED PAYMENTS PROBABLY "INFLICTED MORE DAMAGE" ON FRIENDLY FOREIGN GOVTS THAN ANY OTHER EVENT IN MONTHS. CITES SEN PERCY DEPLORING SITUATION AS "DISGRACE TO AMERICAN INDUSTRY". ALSO NOTES KOTCHIAN DEFENSE THAT PAYMENTS NOT MADE OUT OF CORRUPT MOTIVES, BUT TO STAY COMPETITIVE ABROAD.

GAO SAID SUNDAY LOCKHEED "INDICATED, ABOUT 24.2 MILLION DOLS IN KICKBACKS PAID ABROAD SINCE 1970. INCLUDES MILLION DOLS PAID HIGH DUTCH OFFICIAL, LATER IDENTIFIED AS PRINCE BERNHARD, TWO MILLION DOLS EACH TO POLITICIANS IN JAPAN, ITALY (WSJ, JOC).

ALSO SAID BRIBES BIGGER THAN ESTIMATED, COULD ENDANGER USG

LOAN THAT HELPED LOCKHEED AVERT BANKRUPTCY IN 1971 (UPI, NYD

JSP'S NARAZAKI CHARGED IN DIET SATURDAY THAT PRES NIXON INTERVENED IN FAVOR LOCKHEED IN SEPT 1972 MEETING WITH PM TANAKA AT KUILIMA, WHERE TWO LEADERS DECIDED JAPAN WOULD MAKE "EMERGENCY IMPORT" OF 32 MILLION DOLS WORTH US JETS TO HELP EASE US TRADE DEFICIT WITH JAPAN (UPI, GLOBE 2/7; WSTAR 2/7).

SAAR (WP 2/8) REVIEWS EMERGENCY SESSION BY "SHAKEN LEADERS" OF LDP SATURDAY, TO DISCUSS MEANS OF DEALING WITH CRISIS BROUGHT ABOUT BY LOCKHEED DISCLOSURES. DECIDED SEND PARTY MEMBER TO WASHINGTON, TO PURSUE TESTIMONY GIVEN IN CHURCH CMTE. NOTES IMPLICATION THAT KENJI OSANO RECEIVED MONEY FROM KODAMA ROUSES SUSPICION OF LINK TO FORMER PM TANAKA.

HALLORAN (NYT 2/8) SAYS LDP, BUSINESS ESTABLISHMENT "ROCKED" BY DISCLOSURES KOTCHIAN TESTIMONY. NOTES UNCLASSIFIED

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KISHI IMPLICATED EARLIER BY CONNECTION WITH KODAMA. ADDS KOTCHIAN TESTIMONY ABOUT ENLISTING OSANO TO HELP SELL TRISTARS WHETTED APPETITES OF OPPOSITION, BECAUSE OF HIS ROLE AS CONFIDANT, FINANCIAL BACKER OF TANAKA.

SEIDEN (SUN 2/8) CITES DENIAL BY MARUBENI OFFICIALS, TO PRESS, THAT ADVISED LOCKHEED SEEK OSANO'S AID IN SELLING PLANES, OR PAY BRIBES TO GOVT OFFICIALS, AS TESTIFIED BY KOTCHIAN. IF OSANO INVOLVEMENT PROVED, SUGGESTS HIS WELL-KNOWN ASSOCIATE TANAKA WILL BE DRAWN INTO GROWING SCANDAL. CITES LDP LEADERS SAYING MAY BE FORCED POSTPONE ELECTION PLANNED FOR SPRING, TO GIVE PARTY CHANCE RECOVER FROM SCANDAL.

LAT'S JAMESON (2/6) DOES FULL BIO ON 64-YEAR-OLD YOSHIO KODAMA, INCLUDING POOR ORIGINS, WARTIME ACTIVITIES IN CHINA, LINKS TO FORMER PM KISHI. PAID 50 CENTS/MO IN FACTORY JOB AT AGE 18, FORMED NATIONALIST GROUP, FORM NON-COMMUNIST LABOR UNION "TO OVERTHROW CAPITALISTS". ARRESTED 1929 FOR PHYSICALLY STOPPING EMPEROR TO PETITION FOR RELIEF FOR NATION'S 2 MILLION UNEMPLOYED. LATER FOUND BACKING FOR CAREER AS "SPY MANIPULATOR" IN CHINA (ALSO IN GLOBE).

CULLISON (JOC) NOTES FINMIN OHIRA HINTED IN DIET JAPAN MAY BE FORCED ADOPT VALUE ADDED TAX WITHIN NEXT FIVE YEARS TO RAISE REVENUES 20 PCT ANNUALLY.

GROUP OF 70 FIRMS SIGNED AGREEMENT WITH VENEZUELA TO IMPORT 2.6 MILLION TONS CRUDE OIL ANNUALLY, UNDER UNUSUAL "SWAP FORMULA" --VENEZUELA WILL SHIP CRUDE TO WESTERN FIRMS,

WHICH WILL IN EXCHANGE SHIP CRUDE TO JAPAN FROM ME.

ORIENT LEASING SAID FLOATED 15 MILLION DOL BOND ISSUE
IN LONDON THURSDAY (JOC, TOKYO).

JAL MOVED NEARLY 100 TONS ELECTRONIC COMPONENTS TO JFK
BY 747 CHARTER LAST MONTH, IN FIRST FULL-PLANE CHARTER
TO US FIRM, HY-GAIN (JOC).

WP'S CURTIS REPORTS DRIVE AGAINST WHALING AT MENDOCINO,
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CALIF, WITH LOCAL BROADCASTS MADE TO USSR, JAPANESE
WHALING SHIPS. DRIVE INCLUDES URGING BOYCOTT JAPANESE
GOODS.

3. KOREA

ROKG REFUSES CLEAR KIM OK SON, OPPOSITION POLITICIAN,
FOR TRIP TO JAPAN WITH OTHER MEMBERS NEW DEMOCRATIC
PARTY DELEGATION. PARTY SPOKESMAN ACCUSES GOVT OF
POLITICAL REPRISAL AGAINST MISS KIM, WHO CRITICIZED
GOVT, WAS VIRTUALLY OUSTED FROM NATL ASSY (NYT SPECIAL
2/7).

4. INDOCHINA

LAOTIAN PREMIER KAYSONE, 6 CABINET MEMBERS ARRIVE HANOI
FOR WK-LONG VISIT. LE DUAN PROMISES AID (WP 2/7).

AFP'S DE NERCIAT AT SAIGON (NYT 2/8) REPORTS TV, RADIO,
PRESS CONSTANTLY REFER TO REUNIFICATION. SAYS PRIORITY
GIVEN POLITICAL RECONSTRUCTION, NORMALIZATION DAILY LIFE.
COMPARES SAIGON SITUATION WITH HANOI'S IN 1954. CITES
PROBLEMS OF UNEMPLOYMENT, SHARP PRICE RISE; MEASURES
TAKEN BY GOVT. NOTES BASIC ECON DECISIONS TAKEN IN
HANOI. DESCRIBES "RE-EDUCATION." STATES POLITBURO
MEMBERS PHAM HUNG, LE DUC THO REDIRECT CHANGING OF
HABITS IN SVN.

5. PHILIPPINES

GROUP OF 77, 3RD WORLD CONFERENCE, ENDS WITH GENL AGREE-
MENT ON PRESSURING INDUSTRIAL COUNTRIES FOR "NEW" INTL
ECON ORDER, BUT LEAVES UNSETTLED DIFFERENCES AMONG
MEMBERS OVER ACCESS TO SEA OF LANDLOCKED STATES, PRO-
POSAL SET UP PERMANENT CONFERENCE OFFICE (WP 2/8).

CSM'S SOUTHERLAND AT JOLO REPORTS CITY SLOWLY REBUILDING
AFTER ALMOST DESTROYED 2 YRS AGO. ATTRIBUTES RECOVERY
TO VIGOROUS LEADERSHIP, DISCIPLINE OF MIL MAYOR,
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6. BURMA

INCREASING NUMBERS TOURISTS HEAD FOR MANDALAY ON THE CHEAP, EARN BAD REPUTATION, PRODUCE DISCORDANT NOTES IN TRANQUIL CITY (REUTER, WP 2/8).

7. AUSTRALIA

POSTAL MINISTER GARLAND RESIGNS AS INVESTIGATION STARTS INTO CHARGE HE BRIBED CANDIDATE IN RECENT ELECTIONS (WP 2/7).

8. TIMOR

UN SPECIAL ENVOY LEAVES AUSTRALIA FOR EUROPE AFTER FAILING GET CLEARANCE VISIT FRETELIN AREAS (WP).

COMMENT AND ANALYSIS

9. CHINA

NYTIMES (2/8) SAYS ALL PREVIOUS CALCULATIONS ABOUT CHINA'S FUTURE CALLED INTO QUESTION BY HUA'S APPOINTMENT. CHOU EN LAI'S CAREFULLY LAID PLANS PROBABLY HAVE GONE AWRY. HISTORIC POLITICAL BATTLE ONGOING IN PEKING AND NEW FACTION LED BY HUA IN ASCENDENCY. JUST WHERE HUA'S POLICIES FIT INTO CHINESE POLITICAL OPINION YET TO BE SEEN. USG AND MOSCOW NOW ON PLANE WITH COMMON CHINESE CITIZEN IN THEIR UNCERTAINTY AND IGNORANCE.

CSM (2/9) COMMENTS BY ASKING NUMEROUS QUESTIONS ABOUT FUTURE OF TENG, AND POWER STRUGGLE IN CHINA. NOTES NIXON VISIT SHOWS PEKING PREFERS NIXON APPROACH TO MORE CAUTIOUS POLICY OF FORD.

ZORZA IN WP (1/9) SAYS DOMESTIC POLICY I' CHINESE DEBATE CENTERS ABOUT PACE OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. IN FOREIGN POLICY ISSUE IS PRC RELATIONSHIPS TO US AND USSR. RECENT ARTICLES AND HUA'S APPOINTMENT WHILE NOT SIGNIFYING A VICTORY FOR THE RADICALS DO SIGNIFY PARTIAL DEFEAT FOR THE MODERATES LED BY TENG. NOTES CHAGRIN OF

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US OFFICIALS OVER SOME DOS COMMENTS TO EFFECT THAT PRC SITUATION IS MORE FLUID THAN WE THOUGHT. CLAIMS THAT OFFICIALS NOW CONCEDE THAT SIGNS OF WHAT WAS COMING WERE SEEN IN PEKING AND IN WESTERN PRESS. CONCLUDES THAT BERIA

ASSUMED CHARGE IN USSR AFTER DEATH OF STALIN, WHICH MAY POINT WAY FOR HUA.

KEATLEY IN WSJ (2/9) SAYS APPOINTMENT OF HUA REVIVES SPECULATION HERE ABOUT CHINA POLICIES AFTER DEPARTURES OF PRESENT LEADERSHIP. HUA APPOINTMENT COULD REPRESENT ONLY ACCEPTABLE COMPROMISE IN FACE OF PEKING ,OLITICAL DIVISIONS. AFTER RECOUNTING HUA BIO, KEATLEY CONCLUDES THAT WESTERN ANALYSTS ARE REMAINING MORE CAUTIOUS THAN USUAL ABOUT THE LONG TERM SIGNIFICANCE OF HIS PROMOTION.

BUTTERFIELD IN NYT (2/9) SAYS HONG KONG ANALYSTS LEFT WITH DEEPLY PUZZLING QUESTIONS AND FEW ANSWERS AS RESULT HUA APPOINTMENT. ONLY THING CERTAIN IS STRONG OPPOSITION TO TENG. COULD BE A POSSIBILITY THAT TENG VOLUNTARILY STEPPED ASIDE TEMPORARILY IN FAVOR OF HUA. CALLS ATTENTION TO SHORT-LIVED APPEARANCE IN 1974 OF ANTI-HUA POSTERS IN PEKING.

BGLOBE (2/7) SAYS FORD OR HAK SHOULD POLITELY TELL NIXON TO STAY HOME. TRIP WOULD HELP NIXON REHABILITATION BUT LEAVE WORLD WONDERING WHAT WATERGATE WAS ALL ABOUT. HE SHOULD VOLUNTARILY AVOID ANOTHER AFFRONT TO HIS COUNTRY.

AP'S RODERICK IN BGLOBE OPINES THAT TENG IS IN DOGFIGHT WITH RADICAL ELEMENTS IN PEKING, OR THAT HE IS ONCE AGAIN VICTIM OF THOSE FOES. THIS SO ALARMING A SITUATION IT PROBABLY NOT THE CASE. THIRD POSSIBILITY IS THAT TENG TOO OLD AND HAS BOWED OUT. FOURTH POSSIBILITY IS THAT MAO FEARING VIOLENT STRUGGLE FOR SUCCESSION, GAVE THE NOD TO TRUSTED HUA.

ROSS TERRILL IN BGLOBE (2/9) CITES THREE POSSIBLE MEANINGS OF HUA APPOINTMENT: 1) ONLY A SHORT TERM CARETAKER ROLE UNTIL NPC MEETS.2).SIGNALS A MAO DOWNGRADING OF ENTIRE ADMINISTRATIVE APPARATUS. HE MAY NOT BELIEVE A PREMIER IS NECESSARY. NOTES USE OF TERM (DAI ZONG LI) AS UNCLASSIFIED

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WEAKEST OF POSSIBLE TERMS FOR "ACTING,. 3) TENG DEFINITELY ECLIPSED AND HUA IS MAO CHOICE TO SUCCEED. NOTES THAT IN ADDITION TO HUA IMPORTANT ROLE IN AGRICULTURE IN PAST, HE HAD BEEN GIVEN TASK OF INVESTIGATING LIN PIAO AFFAIR, AND OPPOSED LIN ON BEHALF OF MAO. HUA'S ROLE IN SPURRING ON THE TACHAI CAMPAIGN ALSO OF GREAT SIGNIFICANCE. "AS FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS, HUA IS UNLIKELY TO GIVE THE BOLD LEADERSHIP THAT COULD PUT SOME MEAT ON THE THIN BONES OF THE SINO-US RELATIONSHIP."

BRADSHER IN WSTAR (2/8) SAYS HUA APPOINTMENT COULD MEAN A REOPENING OF NORMAL SINO-SOVIET RELATIONSHIPS SINCE HUA HAD NOT PREVIOUSLY BEEN INVOLVED IN ANTI-SOVIET

ATTACKS. ON OTHER HAND, NIXON INVITATION AT THIS TIME CAN BE INTERPRETED AS EFFORT TO PREVENT EROSION OF SINO-US RELATIONSHIPS.

WP'S GREENWAY, IN HK (2/8), SAYS ALTHOUGH TOO EARLY WRITE OFF TENG AS CHOU'S EVENTUAL SUCCESSOR, IS SURPRISING THAT PEKING WOULD FEEL NEED APPOINT TEMPORARY PM WHEN TENG HOLDS FIRST VICE PREMIER RANK. MAINTAINS IS ANOTHER POWERFUL REMINDER NO ONE OUTSIDE PRC REALLY HAS ANY IDEA ABOUT CHINESE LEADERSHIP CURRENT WORKINGS.

NYT (2/8) SEES GOOD REASON FOR PRES' ANNOYANCE AT SUDDENLY-ANNOUNCED NIXON INTENTION VISIT PRC. PRC INVITATION, NIXON'S ACCEPTANCE AT THIS TIME, WERE MISCHIEVOUS POLITICAL ACTS--BOTH REFLECTING ADVERSELY ON FORD, HIMSELF. SAYS CHINESE ARE CLEARLY SIGNALING THEY'RE LESS THAN SATISFIED BY SLOW PACE SINO-US RELATIONSHIP DEVELOPING, ARE UNDERLINING OBVIOUS CONTRAST BETWEEN FORD'S CAUTIOUS APPROACH AND NIXON'S SPECTACULAR BREAK-THROUGH. ASSERTS NIXON CAN HARDLY BE UNAWARE HIS RE-EMERGENCE INTO SPOTLIGHT ON EVE FORD-REAGAN NH PRIMARY CAN ONLY BE EMBARRASSING TO PRES. ADDS THAT HUA ELEVATION AFFORDS NIXON OPPORTUNITY NOW TO MAKE DIGNIFIED, APPROPRIATE CHANGE IN HIS OWN IMMEDIATE TRAVEL PLANS.

SAFIRE (NYT) CITES "CAREFULLY DRAWN" STATEMENT FROM NIXON OUTLINING REASONS FOR PROJECTED PRC VISIT, IN WHICH EX-PRES ASSERTS SINO-US RELATIONSHIP "IS, IF ANYTHING, UNCLASSIFIED

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MORE IMPORTANT THAN IT WAS FOUR YEARS AGO." AS TO HIS OWN SPECULATIONS, SAFIRE SAYS NOTHING MORE NATURAL THAN FOR NIXON DESIRE RELIVE HALCYON DAYS, HIGH POINT OF HIS LIFE--PRC JOURNEY. SAYS CHINESE INTEREST IN NIXON IS PROFOUNDLY SIGNIFICANT, AND "CANNOT BE HAPPENSTANCE" THAT HUA NOMINATION CAME WITHIN 24 HOURS OF ANNOUNCEMENT NIXON TRIP. ACCORDING SAFIRE, PRC LEADERS EVIDENTLY COULD NOT WAIT UNTIL 1977 FOR NIXON VISIT. WITH CHOU'S DEATH, MAO'S ADVANCING AGE, SENSE OF URGENCY APPEARED; ANTI-SOVIET LINE WHILE STILL PRONOUNCED IN PROVINCES, HAS BECOME MUTED IN PEKING; MAO AND HUANG CHEN WISHED PUT IMPRINT ON SUCCESSION THAT WILL MAKE PRC INDEPENDENT OF SOVIET'S "IMPURE" COMMUNISM. SAFIRE FINDS NIXON WILLINGLY LENDING HIMSELF TO THIS GOAL. HUA WILL HAVE AS HIS FIRST PUBLIC ACTION GREETING NIXON--SYMBOL OF PEKING'S INDEPENDENCE FROM SOVIET; NIXON GOING NOT TO CONDUCT DIPLOMACY, BUT ACT AS SYMBOL. DECLARES NIXON SYMBOL IN FOREIGN AFFAIRS NEEDED TO HOLD ONTO CHINESE KEY, WHICH NEXT ELECTED PRES CAN USE TO UNLOCK DOOR TO NEW DETENTE.

WP'S OBERFORFER (2/7) SAYS PEKING'S DESIRE FOR NEW NIXON

VISIT HAD LONG BEEN KNOWN, AS HAD NIXON'S WISH REVISIT SCENE OF HIS FOREIGN POLICY TRIUMPH. OBSERVES HIS RE-ENTRY PUBLIC SCENE WILL BEGIN WITH PEKING ARRIVAL THREE DAYS BEFORE NH PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY. SUN'S DOBBIN (2/7) REPORTS WH AIDES SAYING NIXON REAPPEARANCE ON SCENE, EVEN IN PRIVATE CAPACITY, UNLIKELY ENHANCE FORD ELECTION CAMPAIGN. ADDS THAT NIXON NAME NOT RAISED AT FORD WH IF CAN BE AVOIDED. WSTAR'S BRADSHER (2/7) SAYS THAT BY TAKING SOME OF ATTENTION FROM FORD JUST BEFORE NH

PRIMARY, AND BY SIMULTANEOUSLY REMINDING PUBLIC OF MAN WHO CHOSE HIM FOR VP, NIXON PRC TRIP COULD PROVE TROUBLESOME FOR PRES. FINDS LITTLE IMPLICATION IN CHINESE HOSPITALITY TO NIXON OF ANY INTENTIONAL SLAP AT FORD, BUT NOTES THEY HAVE BEEN UNHAPPY WITH FAILURE OF US POLICY TO MOVE FORWARD FROM NIXON BREAKTHROUGH. CONTENTS THAT WHATEVER ITS IMPLICATIONS FOR US DOMESTIC POLITICS, NIXON VISIT MIGHT WELL BE VIEWED IN PEKING AS SIGNIFICANT FOR CHINESE INTERNAL POLITICS. SUGGESTS UNCLASSIFIED

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NIXON INVITATION MIGHT HAVE BEEN PUSHED NOW BY THOSE CHINESE LEADERS WHO WANT KEEP ORIENTATION AWAY FROM MOSCOW.

DOAK BARNETT CONTENTS CHINESE DIDN'T INVITE NIXON "UNAWARE THAT IT IS A POLITICAL ACT TO INVITE A PURGED PRESIDENT. IN SOME CONVOLUTED WAY, IT IS A KIND OF SIGNAL --AMONG MANY OF A LOW-KEY SORT THE CHINESE HAVE BEEN SENDING--THAT THEY ARE UNEASY ABOUT MANY OF OUR POLICIES, INCLUDING DETENTE." BARNETT ADDS, HOWEVER, THERE WAS UNDOUBTEDLY PERSONAL FACTOR IN INVITATION, SPRINGING FROM CHINESE SENSE OF DEBT TO NIXON (SHABECOFF, NYT 2/7).

PHILA BULLETIN (2/4) NOTES JULIE NIXON EISENHOWER, IN APPEARANCE AT WANAMAKER'S LAST TUESDAY, SAID THAT ON RECENT PRC VISIT SHE AND HUSBAND DREW MESSAGE ,FROM THEIR TREATMENT OF US" THAT CHINESE "WOULD LIKE TO SEE A CONTINUING DIALOGUE BETWEEN OUR COUNTRY AND CHINA AND MY FATHER REPRESENTS THE BEGINNING OF THAT DIALOGUE TO THEM" (BULLETIN'S KEOUGH).

WSJ'S WONG SAYS CHINESE VEGETABLES BECOMING EASIER TO BUY AS US SUPERMARKET DEMAND BOOMS. SAYS AMONG SEVERAL REASONS IS NIXON 1972 PRC TRIP, AND RISE IN ASIAN IMMIGRANTS IN PAST DECADE.

HARTLEY (WSJ) SAYS ROC IS PUSHING AHEAD WITH NUCLEAR-POWER PROJECTS. NOTES CONSIDERABLE SPECULATION THAT TAIWAN'S NUCLEAR-POWER PLANS COULD GIVE IT ABILITY TO MAKE NUKE WEAPONS. HOLDS THERE'S NO DOUBTING COUNTRY'S SCIENTIFIC CAPACITY, BUT GOVT OFFICIALS INSIST THEY DON'T

WANT ANY PART OF SUCH VENTURE.

JAPAN

WSTAR (2/8) NOTES SOME ENJOYING LOCKHEED'S "LARGESSE"
EMBARRASSED BY DISCLOSURE, AND SOME FOREIGN GOVTS MIGHT
REACT "HUMORLESSLY". STILL, SOME SPECIFICS EMERGED LAST
WEEK, THANKS TO POKING AROUND IN THIS MUDDY AREA OF

BUSINESS-GOVT MORALITY BY SFRC SUB-CMTE. ANENT
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ALLEGATIONS FIRM PAID 7 MILLION DOLS TO "SHADOWY"
POLITICAL FIGURE IN JAPAN, SUN OPINES THAT "PARTICULAR
DISCOMFITURE" MUST BE FELT BY AMB HODGSON, FORMER
LOCKHEED EXEC, WHO HAS FOUND IT NECESSARY TO DENY
KNOWLEDGE OF LOCKHEED-KODAMA AFFAIR.

SUN (2/8) STATES REVELATIONS ABOUT LOCKHEED ARE SAME OLD
ONES OF LAST AUGUST, WITH FEW BLANKS FILLED IN.
ASSUMING PRACTISES WOULD BE HALTED BY EMERGENCY LOAN
GUARANTEE BOARD, AS ARGUED BY TREASURY SECY SIMON, SHOULD
BE NO FURTHER NEED TO LEGISLATE FOR LOCKHEED, BUT THIS
APPROACH WOULD LEAVE REST OF ARMS, AIRFRAME INDUSTRY
UNTOUCHED BY NEW MORALITY. PRESUMABLY THAT WAS WHY
SEN CHURCH COMPELLED KOTCHIAN TO NAME AT LEAST ONE
NAME AND SOME COUNTRIES. STATES PUBLICITY BOUND TO
DETER POTENTIAL DONORS, DONEES, TEMPORARILY, IF AT SOME
EXPENSE TO AMERICAN COMPETITIVENESS ABROAD, BUT THIS IS
HARDLY ENOUGH. IF BRIBERY WAS WRONG IN AUGUST, IT IS
WRONG NOW THUS DECLARES CHURCH HAS DONE MORE THAN WIN
HEADLINES -- HAS GIVEN SELF A CHALLENGE. INGERSOLL

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